

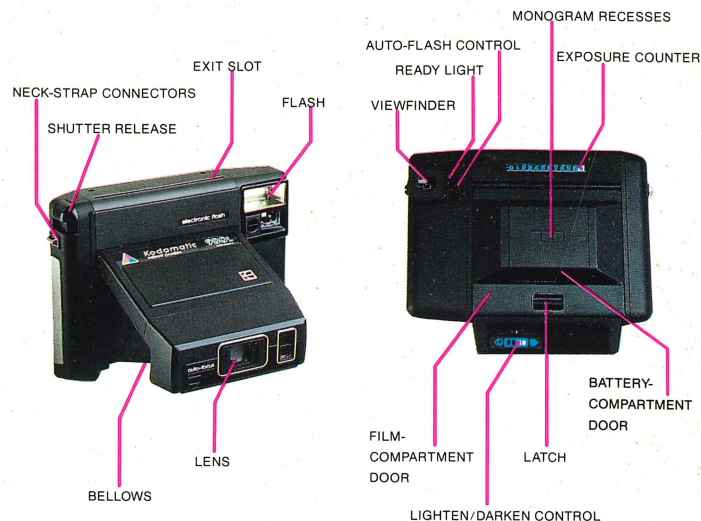


How to Use the

# **Kodamatic™ 980L**

## **INSTANT CAMERA**





Your new camera is a fully automatic camera—with automatic focusing, automatic flash, and automatic exposure control. It uses the new **KODAMATIC Instant Color Film, HS144-10**.<sup>\*</sup> The camera folds to a convenient size for storage and carrying.

This manual will help you take good pictures. So before you use your camera, please read these instructions and then follow them closely.

<sup>\*</sup>You can use KODAK Instant Color Film, PR144-10, in an emergency if you move the camera lighten/darken control to its full lighten position. However, the flash range will be reduced, and pictures taken under low-light levels outdoors may be too dark.

### Neck Strap and Monogram

Clip the ends of the neck strap onto the **CONNECTORS** at both sides of the camera.

You can peel the letters from the enclosed sheet to form your monogram, and place them in the **MONOGRAM RECESSES**.

**More Information**—If you need picture-taking help, write to Eastman Kodak Company, Photo Information, Department 841A, 343 State Street, Rochester, New York 14650, or contact one of the Kodak Consumer Centers or your photo dealer. Also be sure to read *Your KODAMATIC™ Instant Camera—Care and Service*.



## 1 BATTERIES

Your camera uses 4 AA-size alkaline batteries to power the electronic flash, the camera motor, and the automatic exposure control. Open the **BATTERY-COMPARTMENT DOOR** by grasping the serrated edges of the door, sliding it to the left, and lifting it. Place the batteries on top of the strap in the compartment. Be sure that the + and - ends of the batteries match the + and - markings in the battery channels. Close the battery-compartment door.

**Notes:** If you press the shutter release before installing the batteries, inserting the batteries will make the motor run for about 3 seconds.

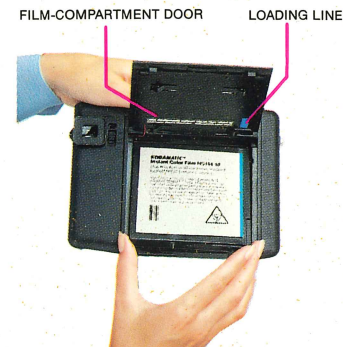
Replace all 4 alkaline batteries at the same time. Replace them every 2 years, or when the camera takes longer than 5 seconds to eject a print.

If you store your camera for an extended period, it's a good idea to remove the batteries.

## 2 UNFOLDING THE CAMERA


Grasp the camera as shown. With your right thumb, push the **BELLOWS** part of the camera into its upright position. The **AUTO-FLASH CONTROL** will be automatically set at **AUTO**. Take care not to get fingerprints on the **LENS** window.

**Note:** Be sure that the bellows are fully extended. See left illustration on page 2.




## 3 LOADING THE CAMERA

Use **KODAMATIC Instant Color Film, HS144-10**. Holding the film pack by the edges only, remove the protective wrapping by grasping the flap and pulling it in the direction of the arrows. Don't squeeze the pack, since this could allow light to fog the pictures.

Open the **FILM-COMPARTMENT DOOR** by sliding the **LATCH** up and lifting the door. Insert the film pack into the compartment by lining up the blue stripe on the film pack with the blue **LOADING LINE** on the camera. Close the film-compartment door and slide the latch down to lock it. The **EXPOSURE COUNTER** will be at the symbol .

Press the **SHUTTER RELEASE** and allow it to return. The black film cover will be ejected through the **EXIT SLOT**. Grasp the cover and remove it. The exposure counter will move to 10.

**Notes:** The exposure counter will move down from 10 through 0 as you take pictures, showing how many pictures you have left.

We don't recommend removing and reinserting a partially used film pack (or a full pack after the black film cover has been ejected), because at least one of your pictures will be spoiled. Also, when you reinsert the pack, the exposure counter will reset to .

## 4 TAKING PICTURES

The built-in flash on your camera is designed to fire *automatically* for each picture, whether your subject is in sunlight or in a low-light situation. When you unfold the camera, the auto-flash control is automatically set at **AUTO**. This assures that the flash will operate not only in low-light situations but also in daylight to fill in shadows on subjects within the flash range.

The flash will not fire when the camera is empty, when the film cover hasn't been ejected, and when there is an empty film pack in the camera.

**Note:** If you're taking pictures in a place in which flash is prohibited or inappropriate, you can *hold* the auto-flash control at **OFF** to defeat the flash. **If the lighting is too low for a non-flash picture, a red low-light signal will appear in the viewfinder as you partially depress the shutter release.**

**Ready Light**—After you unfold the camera, the **READY LIGHT** will blink when the flash unit has charged enough for you to take a picture. **The blinking ready light does not drain the batteries.** After you take a picture, the ready light will blink again within a few seconds. If you don't take another picture within 10 minutes, the ready light and the flash will shut off. To restart the flash, move the auto-flash control to **RESET** and release it. The control will spring back to **AUTO**, and the flash will recharge.

**Daylight Pictures**—Be sure your subject is at least 3 feet from the camera. A small purple flash will be visible below the electronic flash as you begin to take a picture. This is a part of the auto-focus system that sets the lens for the correct camera-to-subject distance.

Check the **LIGHTEN/DARKEN CONTROL** (page 2) to see that it is in the center position, showing half white and half black. This setting should





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After you've taken the tenth picture in the film pack (the exposure counter shows 0), open the film-compartment door and remove the empty pack.



## 6 FOLDING THE CAMERA

Place your thumb on the round pattern on the bellows as shown, and push in. The bellows will close partway. Then close the bellows all the way and snap the camera shut. Folding the camera automatically turns off the auto-flash control.

BE SURE TO READ *Your KODAMATIC™ Instant Camera—Care and Service* FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION. It tells you how to care for your camera, film, and prints, and how to obtain service. It also includes a "Troubleshooting Guide" to help you identify and solve minor problems.

be the correct one for most of your pictures.

Hold the camera up to your eye so that you can see all 4 sides of the luminous frame in the VIEWFINDER. The area in this frame will be included in your picture.

Hold the camera steady; gently squeeze the shutter release and allow it to return. The print will be ejected from the exit slot. Then grasp the print by its upper border and remove it before you take another picture.

The exposure counter will move to show the number of prints left.

It's important to handle prints carefully during the first 10 minutes after exposure. Don't cut, bend, or fold them. See the handling instructions on the film carton and in *Your KODAMATIC™ Instant Camera—Care and Service*.



FOR HORIZONTAL PICTURES



FOR VERTICAL PICTURES

**CAUTION:** Picture units in the film pack contain a caustic fluid. Upon ejection from the camera, the fluid in the picture unit begins to neutralize, and in approximately 10 minutes any chance of harm is minimal. Should any fluid escape from the picture unit, avoid contact with eyes, mouth, and skin. Also avoid fluid contact with fabrics, carpeting, and furniture to prevent stain.

In case of contact with eyes, immediately flush with plenty of water and get medical attention. In case of any other contact, wash thoroughly at once.

The empty film pack has sharp internal edges. Discard out of the reach of children.

Notes: Keep your fingers away from the sides of the bellows as you take pictures.

The print will not begin to develop until you allow the shutter release to return and the print is ejected from the camera.

**Lighten/Darken Control**—After you take a picture, if you want a lighter or darker picture of the same subject in the same location without changing the lighting or your position, adjust the lighten/darken control before taking another picture. For a lighter picture, move the control toward L; for a darker picture, move the control toward D.

Notes: The lighten/darken control does *not* automatically return to the center (normal) position after you take a picture.

If you photograph a very light subject in very dark surroundings, you may want to move the control toward D before you take the picture. For a very dark subject in light surroundings, move the control toward L.

**Low-Light Pictures**—Be sure the ready light is blinking.

**Your subject must be 3 to 14 feet from the camera.**

Check the lighten/darken control to see that it's in the center position.

Frame your subject in the viewfinder as in "Daylight Pictures," and take the picture.

After each picture, wait for the ready light to blink before taking another picture.

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